

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraph in the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(s)" section of the specification starting from page 1 and continuing to page 3:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,069 entitled "METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A CLUSTER NETWORK FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AND HIGH AVAILABILITY USING A FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH FABRIC," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,120 entitled "MULTI-PROTOCOL NETWORK FOR ENTERPRISE DATA CENTERS," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,918 entitled "UNIFIED ENTERPRISE NETWORK SWITCH (UNEX) PRODUCT SPECIFICATION," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,922 entitled "QUALITY OF SERVICE EXAMPLE," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,081 entitled "COMMUNICATIONS MODEL," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,075 entitled "UNIFORM ENTERPRISE NETWORK SYSTEM," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,088 entitled "INTERCONNECT FABRIC MODULE," filed August 21, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,287 entitled "INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," filed August 22, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,158 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO ROUTE TRANSMITTED DATA THROUGH A NETWORK," filed August 21, 2001, and is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/062,199 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VIRTUAL ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048019US1~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/066,014 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LABEL TABLE CACHING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048024US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,505 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MULTIFRAME BUFFERING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048025US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/046,333 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM

FOR DOMAIN ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048026US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,404 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERSWITCH LOAD BALANCING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048027US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/046,572 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERSWITCH DEADLOCK AVOIDANCE IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048028US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,877 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONNECTION PREEMPTION IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048029US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/061,564 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MULTICASTING IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048030US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/046,640 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NETWORK CONFIGURATION DISCOVERY IN A NETWORK MANAGER," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048032US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/046,334 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATH BUILDING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048033US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,703 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RESERVED ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048035US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,814 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RECONFIGURING A PATH IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048036US1~~); U.S. Patent Application No. _____ entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PORTS IN A ROUTING DEVICE," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048037US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,784 entitled "PARALLEL ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048038US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/066,159 entitled "INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048039US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/062,245 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO ROUTE TRANSMITTED DATA THROUGH A NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048040US~~); U.S. Patent Application No. 10/044,182 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO PROCESS RECEIVED DATA ROUTED THROUGH A NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048041US~~); U.S. Patent Application No.

10/044,164 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING SECURITY VIA VIRTUAL ADDRESSING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK," (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048042US~~); and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/068,329 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING SECURITY VIA DE-REGISTRATION IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" (~~Attorney Docket No. 030048043US~~), which are all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.